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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

In re:

BLOCKFI INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-19361 (MBK)

(Joint Administration Requested)

**APPLICATION FOR *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION OF RICHARD U.S. HOWELL, P.C.**

BlockFi, Inc. and its affiliated debtors in possession (the “Debtors”), by and through their counsel, Cole Schotz P.C., respectfully submit this application (the “Application”), for the *pro hac vice* admission of Richard U.S. Howell, P.C., and represents as follows:

1. On November 28, 2022, the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, commencing the above captioned chapter 11 cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey.

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: BlockFi Inc. (0015); BlockFi Trading LLC (2487); BlockFi Lending LLC (5017); BlockFi Wallet LLC (3231); BlockFi Ventures LLC (9937); BlockFi International Ltd. (N/A)); BlockFi Investment Products LLC (2422); BlockFi Services, Inc. (5965) and BlockFi Lending II LLC (0154). The location of the Debtors’ service address is 201 Montgomery Street, Suite 263, Jersey City, NJ 07302.

2. Richard U.S. Howell, the president of Richard U.S. Howell, P.C., a partner in the firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP has represented the Debtors in connection with these matters. Because of his familiarity with the facts and circumstances relevant to the Debtors in these matters, the Debtors request that Mr. Howell be allowed to appear *pro hac vice* in the within matters.

3. As set forth in the Certification of Mr. Howell, annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**, Mr. Howell is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Illinois. Mr. Howell is not under suspension or disbarment by any court.

4. If admitted *pro hac vice*, Mr. Howell has represented that he will adhere to the disciplinary jurisdiction of this Court.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the Court grant the Debtors' Application, pursuant to D.N.J. LBR 9010-1 and L. Civ. R. 101.1(c), to admit counsel *pro hac vice* in the above captioned matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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